



Vernon Lee Lusk

November 1, 1938 - March 25, 2024

Vernon Lee Lusk was born November 1, 1938, in Batesville, Arkansas to Garcia William Lusk and Estes Rose Wetherford Lusk and passed away peacefully on March 25, 2024 at home surrounded by his family.

In 1940, his family moved to Lancaster where he attended school and helped on his family farm. Vernon quickly developed an interest in cars and was a natural, self-taught mechanic.

In 1961, Vernon decided to enlist in the United States Army where he was stationed at Ft. Hood in Killeen as a repair mechanic. His service career was cut short when he received a letter from his mother asking him to come home to help provide for his family. He received an honorable discharge.

Upon coming back to Lancaster in 1962, he started working for Edwards Ford House as a mechanic. Shortly after, he met Shirley West at the local Dairy Queen. They didn't date long and surprised everyone one night at a party when Vernon announced that the "red head" was his wife.

In 1967, Vernon started volunteering as a fireman for Lancaster, and in 1972 he officially began his firefighter career when the city finally established a full-time department. His career with the department spanned over 30 years with multiple advancements. His positions included Fire Engineer, Fire Lieutenant, and Captain. He retired as a Battalion Chief.

Not only was Vernon a public servant by profession, but he was also a selfless provider to his family and mentor to his friends. Known as “Big Daddy” by his grandkids, he was always giving of his time and talents and the first to lend a helping hand. Family always came first for him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Garcia Lusk and Estes Rose Lusk; his brothers, Junius Lusk, Bob Lusk, Orvia Neal Lusk, and Weldon Lusk; and his sisters, Betty Troxell and Nelda Pynes.

Vernon is survived by his wife of 60 years, Shirley Lusk; his beloved dogs, Buddy and Trixie; his sister, Linda Lusk; his daughters, Tricia Douglas and Tracie DeBolt and their husbands Mitch Douglas and Darin DeBolt; his grandchildren, Kevin Grounds and wife Brittany, Jordynn Winders and husband Tanner, Danielle DeBolt, and Samantha DeBolt; his great-grandchildren, Kody and Khloe Grounds, Karsynn and Tynslee Winders.

The family will receive friends from 10:00am to 12:00pm on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at First Baptist Church of Lancaster. A celebration of Vernon’s life will begin immediately following at 12:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to James L West Day Care Program in Vernon’s name.

<https://www.jameslwest.org/donate-now/>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
305 E. Third
Lancaster, TX 75146

Celebration of Life

APR 3. 12:00 PM (CT)

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305 E. Third
Lancaster, TX 75146

Tribute Wall

RL

“ Ronnie and Margaret Lusk purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Vernon Lee Lusk.



Ronnie and Margaret Lusk - April 02, 2024 at 05:01 PM

RL

“ Ronnie and Margaret Lusk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vernon Lee Lusk.

Ronnie and Margaret Lusk - April 02, 2024 at 05:01 PM

TF

“ The Schell Family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Vernon Lee Lusk.



The Schell Family - April 02, 2024 at 12:24 PM

TF

“ The Schell Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vernon Lee Lusk.

The Schell Family - April 02, 2024 at 12:24 PM

KI

“ Karla I. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vernon Lee Lusk.

Karla I. - April 02, 2024 at 10:34 AM

NG

“ *Natalie Galitz purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Vernon Lee Lusk.*



Natalie Galitz - April 01, 2024 at 12:20 PM

NG

“ *Natalie Galitz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vernon Lee Lusk.*

Natalie Galitz - April 01, 2024 at 12:20 PM

MS

“ *Mayor Kimble, City Council, & Staff purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Vernon Lee Lusk.*



Mayor Kimble, City Council, & Staff - April 01, 2024 at 10:37 AM

CB

“ *I too have known Vernon most of my life. He was always a doer at whatever task or job he had. He made his mark on his family and his community. His dedication to his community and his family is to be cherished and remembered.*

Carol Strain Burk - April 01, 2024 at 09:03 AM

KS

“ Karen Sanford lit a candle in memory of Vernon Lusk



Karen Philbrick Sanford - March 31, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Vernon Lee Lusk.



March 30, 2024 at 08:39 PM

BS

“ Brandi Shapiro planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vernon Lee Lusk.

Brandi Shapiro - March 30, 2024 at 08:39 PM

SH

“ I would like to send my sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Lusk he was a very sweet man and always very helpful we will miss him here at the Day program...with love JLW Day program

Sherry - March 29, 2024 at 11:01 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vernon Lee Lusk.*



March 28, 2024 at 08:16 PM



“ *Love Bob and Deloris purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Vernon Lee Lusk.*



Love Bob and Deloris - March 28, 2024 at 04:21 PM



“ *Vernon was always your friend and cared about people. I have known Vernon most of my life. He took every opportunity in front of him and even created some to make this world a better place.*

Ellen Clark - March 28, 2024 at 11:13 AM



“ *Vernon, You will be missed. The visits, the trip to Maine, the meals. Love, Sister & Brother-in-laws. Jo and Jim Stallbohm*

Jo Stallbohm - March 28, 2024 at 09:51 AM

EH

“ *Elaine Harris lit a candle in memory of Vernon Lusk*



Elaine P. Harris - March 28, 2024 at 08:55 AM

TS

“ *Tammy & Larry Smallwood purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Vernon Lee Lusk.*



Tammy & Larry Smallwood - March 27, 2024 at 10:21 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Vernon Lee Lusk.*



March 27, 2024 at 06:28 PM

DM

“ *A really good guy*

don May - March 27, 2024 at 05:32 PM

LF

“ Love You All, Greg & Connie Foerster purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Vernon Lee Lusk.



Love You All, Greg & Connie Foerster - March 27, 2024 at 04:29 PM

LF

“ Love You All, Greg & Connie Foerster planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vernon Lee Lusk.

Love You All, Greg & Connie Foerster - March 27, 2024 at 04:29 PM

YL

“ Your friends at Carr, Riggs & Ingram LLC purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Vernon Lee Lusk.



Your friends at Carr, Riggs & Ingram LLC - March 27, 2024 at 04:29 PM

YL

“ Your friends at Carr, Riggs & Ingram LLC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vernon Lee Lusk.

Your friends at Carr, Riggs & Ingram LLC - March 27, 2024 at 04:29 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Vernon Lee Lusk.*



March 27, 2024 at 04:15 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Vernon Lee Lusk.*



March 27, 2024 at 04:14 PM